

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 352

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Carlo P. Basile**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing for opportunities for single-sex schools and classes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Willie Mae Allen	6th Suffolk
Carlo P. Basile	1st Suffolk
Gloria L. Fox	7th Suffolk
Kevin G. Honan	17th Suffolk
Eugene L. O'Flaherty	2nd Suffolk
Matthew C. Patrick	3rd Barnstable
Angelo M. Scaccia	14th Suffolk
Marie P. St. Fleur	5th Suffolk
Thomas M. Menino	Mayor of Boston
Martin J. Walsh	13th Suffolk
Robert M. Koczera	11th Bristol
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Stephen L. DiNatale	3rd Worcester
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk
Kevin Aguiar	7th Bristol

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 9 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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### **AN ACT PROVIDING FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGLE-SEX SCHOOLS AND CLASSES.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 5 of chapter 76 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after the sentence ending “or sexual orientation” in line 11 the following  
3 new sentence:-

4 “This section shall not preclude the establishment of single-sex schools and programs to the extent that  
5 such programs are consistent with the constitution of the commonwealth and federal law.”

6 SECTION 2. Section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is  
7 hereby amended by inserting after the sentence ending “language, and academic achievement” in line 55  
8 the following new sentence:-

9 “This section shall not preclude the establishment of single-sex schools and programs to the extent that  
10 such programs are consistent with the constitution of the commonwealth and federal law.”

11 SECTION 3. Said section 89 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, is hereby further amended by inserting  
12 after the sentence ending “science or the arts” in line 148 the following new sentence:-

13 “This section shall not preclude the establishment of single-sex schools and programs to the extent that  
14 such programs are consistent with the constitution of the commonwealth and federal law.”